

## 2010 NHI Chronicles

Date	Event Summary
2010.01.01	The “Organic Act for Bureau of National Health Insurance, Department of Health, Executive Yuan” became effective on this date. The Bureau was formally restructured as an administrative organization.
2010.01.12	The Bureau of National Health Insurance (BNHI) announced the amended "2010 Dentistry Outpatient Services - Integrated Care Plan for Periodontal Diseases under the Global Budget System" and the "NHI Medical Benefit Improvement Plan for HBV Carriers and HCV Patients," which were made effective retroactively to January 1, 2010.
2010.02.01	The BNHI has amended the NHI payment standards for part of the items under the “National Health Insurance Medical Care Expenses Reimbursement Standards,” including: Part 1 "Generalities;" Chapter 1 "Basic Treatment" of Part II "Western Medicine;" and Part VII "Case Payments." The amended articles were made effective retroactively to January 1, 2010.
2010.02.08	The BNHI has amended Item 6, Chapter 1 "General Payment Principles" of Part 9 "NHI Diagnosis-Related Groups" under the “National Health Insurance Medical Care Expenses Reimbursement Standards,” which was made effective retroactively to February 1, 2010.
2010.02.12	The BNHI announced the amended "Agreement for NHI Contracted Medical Care Institutions" (applicable to contracted hospitals, clinics, child-delivery services, psychiatric rehabilitation institutions and home nursing services).
2010.03.29	The Department of Health, Executive Yuan has adjusted the NHI premium rate to 5.17%, which was made effective on April 1, 2010.
2010.03.30	The BNHI announced that the average premium rate applicable to NHI Category 6 beneficiaries is NT\$1,249, which was made effective on April 1, 2010.
2010.03.30	The Department of Health, Executive Yuan has amended the "Grading Table for the NHI Insured Payroll-Related Amount". The insured payroll-related amount for the highest grade has been adjusted from NT\$131,700 to NT\$182,000. The amendment took effect on April 1, 2010.
2010.04.28	The "Operational Guidelines Governing the Adjustment of the NHI Premium Rate Executed by the Bureau of National Health Insurance, Department of Health, Executive Yuan" was established and made effective retroactively to April 1, 2010.
2010.05.10	Dr. James Galloway, Assistant U.S. Surgeon General and US HHS Regional Health Administrator, Region V, visited the Bureau with six other members. The team was received by Lee Cheng-hua, Deputy Director General of the Bureau. Discussions were held on various topics including medical payments, preventive medicine, control of nosocomial infection, and medical expense, as well as other topics.
2010.05.11	The research projects initiated by NHI employees in 2009 have received "Outstanding", "Excellent" and "Good Work" awards in the "2009 R&D Awards for the Department of Health and Its Subordinate Organizations." The subjects of

	these research projects were, "A Study on the Planning and Establishment of an e-Branch for the Bureau of National Health Insurance, Northern Division," "Establishment of an Image Storage, Transmission and Management System for Card Activation," and "Building up Quality Indicators for Peptic Ulcer Diseases Using the NHI Information Reporting System," respectively.
2010.06.30	The Central Region Division of the BNHI was awarded the "The Second Service Quality Award for Government Organizations". The award ceremony was presided over by Premier Wu Den-yih and 147 organizations from around the country participated. A total of 28 organizations have received the award.
2010.08.10	The BNHI announced the amended pilot plan for the "NHI Prospective Payment System for the Integrated Care of Respirator-Dependent Patients." The pilot project was implemented in September, 2010. (based on monthly expenses for the year).
2010.10.26	The BNHI announced 6 new indicators for "Rejection of Claims due to Irregularities Identified in the File Analysis Process for Hospitals under the NHI Global Budget System" and 9 new indicators for "Rejection of Claims due to Irregularities Identified in the File Analysis Process for Primary Care Western Medicine Facilities under the NHI Global Budget System". They shall be made effective in January 2011 (based on monthly of expenses for the year)
2010.11.07	The BNHI announced the implementation of the "Worry-Free Medical Care Program" to safeguard the rights of the less advantaged. The Program provides barrier-free access to NHI benefits for less advantaged people, including families living near the poverty level, needy families receiving special assistance, and children under 18.
2010.11.10	Mr. Hank Johnson, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, visited the Bureau with four other members. The team was received by Huang San-quei, Deputy Director General of the Bureau. In the meeting, discussions were held on various topics regarding the control of medical expenses, use of the NHI IC card, decisions and execution of NHI payments for drugs, operation of the payment system, medical care for under-resourced areas, NHI funding from tobacco surcharges and public welfare lotteries, facilitation of the second-generation NHI, and hospice care, as well as other topics.
2010.11.12	A team of nine, led by the Chairman of the World Medical Association, visited the Bureau. The team was received by Lee Cheng-hua, Deputy Director General of the Bureau. In the meeting, discussions were held on various topics including the income of physicians under the NHI system, role of the NHI IC card, and the population aging problem.
2010.12.23	The BNHI has amended the "Grading Table for the NHI Insured Payroll-Related Amount", which will be made effective on January 1, 2011. The insured payroll-related amount for the lowest grade was adjusted from NT\$17,280 to NT\$17,880.
2010.12.31	The BNHI announced the pilot program for "NHI Home Pharmaceutical Care for Frequent Service-Users", which will be implemented on January 1, 2011.